

Amendments to the Claims

Please amend the claims in the manner indicated.

1. (canceled)

2. (canceled)

3. (canceled)

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4. (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 3,~~ A method comprising:
notifying an occupant of a vehicle of the occurrence of a detected sound outside of the
vehicle; and
notifying the occupant of the vehicle that sound associated with an emergency vehicle
has been detected;
wherein the notifying the occupant includes broadcasting at least a portion of the sound
associated with the emergency vehicle through at least a portion of a sound system in the
vehicle;
wherein broadcasting at least a portion of the sound associated with the emergency
vehicle includes broadcasting the sound through headphones.

5. (canceled)

6. (canceled)

7. (currently amended) The method of claim 4 ~~claim 1~~, further comprising detecting sound associated with an emergency vehicle to provide the detected sound.

8. (original) The method of claim 7, wherein detecting sound includes filtering sound outside the vehicle such that sound having a desired frequency range is heard in the vehicle.

a 9. (original) The method of claim 8, wherein filtering sound includes processing the sound with a processing unit.

10. (original) The method of claim 9, wherein processing the sound includes converting the sound to a digital representation.

11. (currently amended) The method of claim 4 ~~claim 1~~, wherein notifying the occupant includes broadcasting a prerecorded message.

12. (currently amended) The method of claim 4 ~~claim 1~~, wherein notifying the occupant includes enabling a warning indicator.

13. (canceled)

14. (currently amended) The method of claim 17 ~~claim 13~~, wherein detecting the occurrence of a particular sound includes:

capturing sound external to the vehicle with a microphone; and

determining if at least a portion of the sound external to the vehicle comprises a predetermined characteristic.

a 15. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein determining if at least a portion of the sound external to the vehicle comprises a predetermined characteristic includes filtering the sound external to the vehicle.

16. (original) The method of claim 14, wherein determining if at least a portion of the sound external to the vehicle comprises a predetermined characteristic includes converting at least a portion of the sound external to the vehicle to a digital representation and determining if the digital representation includes the predetermined characteristic.

17. (currently amended) ~~The method of claim 13,~~ A method comprising:

detecting the occurrence of a particular sound outside of a vehicle; and

informing an occupant of the vehicle of the occurrence of the particular sound;

wherein informing an occupant of the vehicle of the occurrence of the particular sound includes broadcasting at least a portion of the particular sound in the vehicle.

18. (canceled)

19. (currently amended) ~~The system of claim 18, further comprising~~ A system comprising:

a microphone to capture at least a portion of the sound external to a vehicle;

a processing unit to determine if sound captured by the microphone comprises a predetermined characteristic; and

a broadcast unit to broadcast at least a portion of the external sound in the vehicle.

20. (currently amended) The system of claim 19 ~~claim 18~~, wherein the processing unit is adapted to determine if the sound external to the vehicle includes sound associated with an emergency vehicle.